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Docket No: 5407/1J328-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Daryl REAL; Mike D. TOKACH; Steve S. DRITZ; Jim L. NELSEN;
Robert D. GOODBAND; Jason WOODWORTH; Kevin Q. OWEN

Serial No.: 10/087,198

Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: Donna A. Jagoe

For: METHOD OF ENHANCING REPRODUCTIVE PERFORMANCE IN SOWS

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132 OF JASON WOODWORTH

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

1. I, Jason Woodworth, declare as follows:
2. That I am a co-inventor of the subject application and the Technical Service Manager of the Lonza Group, one of the assignees of the subject application.
3. That I am familiar with the prosecution of the subject application and have noted that the Swine Update article of Spring 2001 has been cited by the Patent Examiner in the Office

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3. That I am familiar with the prosecution of the subject application and have noted that the Swine Update article of Spring 2001 has been cited by the Patent Examiner in the Office action dated December 18, 2002 as the basis for rejecting the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). In the Office action, the Examiner, on page 2, refers to this article as "Nelssen et al."

4. That, since the Swine Update does not indicate a date of publication, I undertook to ascertain the publication date by contacting the Kansas State University Publication Unit.

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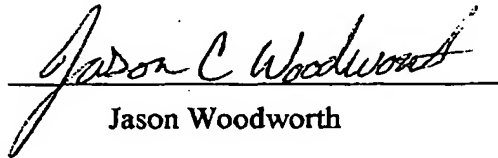
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8. That, therefore, it is my understanding that, based on the facts set forth above, the Swine Update article is not prior art with respect to the subject application.

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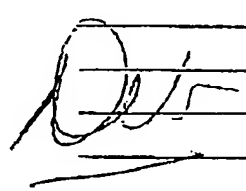
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